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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 16, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, (Method Claims 1 - 20). Accordingly, Applicant hereby cancels claims 21 - 42 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

The Restriction Requirement also included a species election. Applicant understands the species restriction to be between: (A) first and second predetermined number of samples are equal; (B) first and second number of predetermined samples are varied over a range; (C) K = constant; (D) K varies. Of these subspecies, Applicant respectfully submits that only C and D are mutually exclusive. For example, the first and second predetermined number of samples could be both equal and varied over a range. Furthermore, either subspecies A or B could be used in conjunction with either subspecies C or D. Therefore, Applicant elects subspecies A, B, and C for immediate prosecution.

For the elected Group I, Applicant respectfully submits that: subspecies A reads on all of claims 1 – 20; subspecies B reads on claims 1 – 10, and 12 – 20; subspecies C reads on claims 1 – 15, and 17 – 20; and subspecies D reads on claims 1 – 14, and 16 – 20. Consistent with Applicant's above election of subspecies A, B, and C for immediate prosecution, Applicant respectfully withdraws claim 16 as drawn to a non-elected species. Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce claim 16 in the present patent application should a generic claim be found allowable.

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## Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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